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HOBART VANQUISHED

The Varsity defeated Hobart last night by 62-21, in a game replete with proof that the team of 1909 is better than the scores have shown. In the first half, by well executed signals, rapid dribbling and unusual shooting, the team eclipsed Hobart in every phase. The half ended 31-19 in our favor. The second half was a repetition, the game ending, 62-21. Line-up:

HOBART 21.	HAMILTON 62.
Barmore	Allen
Right Forward	
Wood	Roenke
Left Forward	
McConnell	Sherwin
Centre	
Olmstead	Conklin
Right Guard	
Hancock	Getman
Left Guard	
Referee, Sicard, '06.	Umpire,
Bremer, Hobart '08.	

CLOSE GAME vs. TUFTS

The fastest game of the trip was played with Tufts on Friday evening. Altho the Varsity lost by a score of 23-17, it was not thru poor playing on their part or any decided superiority of the Tufts team. The game was close thruout—a fight from start to finish, so that the final outcome was not settled until the whistle blew at the end of the second half.

During the first half and the greater part of the second, Hamilton had a little the better of the game. Both teams guarded so closely that neither side was able to score to any great extent. At the end of the first half the Varsity led by three points, the score being 10-7. During the second half a basket was scored at intervals by both teams, but the Varsity kept its lead until the last seven minutes of play. Then it was that Fortune smiled upon the Tufts five, and gave them the game by six points. The team played hard and played to win.

A defeat of that quality is almost equivalent to a victory.

It was in this game that Captain Koenke showed himself at his best. The Boston papers spoke very highly of his work. The line-up:

Tufts 23	Hamilton 17
Regin	Kimball
Right Forward	
Roenke, Captain	Cordon
Left Forward	
Sherwin	Atwood,, Secoy
Center	
Conklin	Hatch
Right Guard	
Getman	Wallace
Left Guard	

Goals: Getman 2; Kimball 2; Hatch 2; Wallace 2; Secoy 1; Gordon 1; Atwood 1; Regin 1; Roenke 1; Sherwin 1. Goals from fouls: Kimball 5; Roenke 7; Referee, Ritsky; time of halves, 20 minutes.

WILLIAMS' VICTORY

The Varsity lost the second game of trip to Williams, by a score of 55-9. As the score would indicate, the game was rather one-sided. Notwithstanding this fact, Hamilton played well throughout. The team which represents Williams this year, is invincible on the home floor. Not only this, but even the strongest College Teams have been unable to hold the Williams five, to a small score.

Perhaps the greatest fault of the Varsity, in this game, was weak passing. Quite frequently Hamilton had the ball beneath the Williams basket, but was unable to score, on account of the close guarding of the Williams men. Williams, on the other hand, passed swiftly and accurately. Hamilton obtained four baskets from the floor, two in the first half and two in the second, the latter being by Sherwin, shortly before the end of the game.

For the Varsity, Sherwin played

the best game, in fact he has not played better this year. For Williams, Lewis, Hamilton, and Wallace were in fine form. Lewis especially, shooting numerous baskets from the middle of the floor. The line up; Hamilton 9 Williams 55

Right Forward	
Regin	Hamilton
Left Forward	
Roenke, Captain	Lewis, Captain
Center	
Sherwin	Austin
Right Guard	
Conklin, Hopkins	Wallace
Left Guard	
Getman	Templeton

Goals from floor, Lewis 8, Hamilton 4, Austin 3, Templeton 4, Wallace 8, Sherwin 2, Getman and Regin. Goals from fouls, Templeton, Getman. Referee, Nutzdorf, of Springfield. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

DEBATE VS. UNION

Next Friday evening at 7.30 P.M. the annual intercollegiate debate contest will occur in the College Chapel. Last year we were beaten by our opponents at Schenectady. This year will decide the series. Hamilton will be represented by Rifenbark, Truax and Wallace, '09; with Dounce, '10, as alternate. The question, the affirmative of which Hamilton will uphold, is: "That lumber should be admitted into the United States from Canada free of duty." The committee will consist of: Rev. John Snape, Utica, Prof. Smith, of Colgate, and a member of the Syracuse Faculty.

BASEBALL NOTICE.

All baseball candidates are requested to hand in their afternoon schedules to Wheeler, '10, or Judson, '10, without delay.

DR. KNOX' ADDRESS.

On Washington's Birthday, in the College Chapel, Dr. G. W. Knox, '74, Professor of the History and Philosophy of Religion at the Union Theological Seminary, delivered the regular address in observation of that anniversary. The largest Washington Birthday audience in the memory of the present student-body listened with intense appreciation to his words. Among the auditors were many visitors, but the College was represented by a large proportion—especially the class of 1909. Dr. Squires presided, and introduced the speaker with some general remarks on the custom and significance of anniversaries.

Dr. Knox' subject was the contrast between Washington and Lincoln, and its significance. An abstract of his address follows:

"The ideal of the Orient is George Washington. His lofty composure and royal personality appeal to the Japanese as no one's else. Even in Europe he is the example of the perfect combination of greatness and nobility; for Washington was not only good, but great. His trials of the war proved that. With little equipment, raw material and the discouragement of recurrent defeat, he ultimately vanquished an army that was the strongest in Europe. And in peace was he even greater. His light shone out among the brilliants of history—Hamilton, Adams, Jefferson and the rest. His voluntary retirement, when personal monarchy was his at asking, crowned him immortally. To him the people were first—hence he was first to the people. To him the Declaration of Independence was no euphonious formula of nothingness: equality was a living fact. Yet, an aristocrat he was. Hamilton's theories of popular distrust were Washington's. Yet in the last analysis he was a Democrat—loving liberty and hating tyranny.

"Today the mark of the theories of Hamilton and Washington are seen in our political thought. Today the men of position and influence distrust popular government. They look at the cities and see that under universal manhood suffrage, the last say in politics resides in the swarming slums of the extreme East and West sides.

The city's vote rules the state, and, often, our state vote rules the nation. Thus the nation tends to be the puppet of the tenements. The alternative? Should it be government by the best—by the few?

"In 1800 the population of the United States was on the sea-board. Tho the resources were plentiful, and prosperity universal, the call of the West seized many. The hardy stock, the true Americans, started a goalless migration to the land where the nation's destiny lay unclaimed. The fight with nature was savage. Leisure, luxury and culture were abjured in the struggle. The stock became hardier—Nature had driven out the marks of the city civilization and had left its own crude impress. Among the families typical of the conflict was the family of Lincoln. Culture and refinement were abnegated luxuries there. The boy Abraham was reared without education, devoid of all advantages except the unerring insight of the pioneer—an ultimate judgment that jumped at the best. Only in essence did he know; but this knowledge covered books, men and situations. As natural leader, he was pushed upward. Soon his rivals were the cream of the nation. Seward, Beecher, Stevens, Greeley—men of the best blood—were eclipsed by the 'rail-splitter and buffoon of the West.' They were big men—big enough to recognize that Lincoln was bigger. An unparalleled Democrat, yet Lincoln never had his ear to the ground for popular direction. With an intuition built of faith in God and man, he fought for what he thought was right, independently of his fellows.

"Who was the aristocrat—Washington or Lincoln? We rail against wealth and we decry the class that created Washington—we rail against mass and we condemn the class that created Lincoln. Without the 'aristocracy,' no Washington; no United States: without the 'mass,' no Lincoln; no Republic. Class as class cannot stand in the light of these two immortals."

Y. M. C. A.

The Sunday afternoon meeting of the Association will be led by Rifenburg, '09. The discussion will be up-

on "Other Gods," as suggested in the First Commandment.

Last Sunday afternoon Dr. Knox gave us a treat. Having heard his sermon the hour previous, an unusual number of fellows came to hear him again in Silliman Hall. His talk on "Religion Today" gave us all something to think about with personal profit.

FRESHMEN WIN.

On Thursday night the Freshmen won their first game of the season from Vernon High School by a score of 38-18. The game was slow and uninteresting because the ball was out-of-bounds most of the time.

The passing of the Freshmen was inaccurate and their shooting but little better. Wenigmann made several hard baskets and Regin, after missing some easy ones, finally struck his Varsity gait. Peters and Heidenreich guarded well. For Vernon, McDermott and Hennessey did the best work.

The Freshmen quickly ran up 10 points before Vernon had recovered from their stage-fright. Vernon, however, soon tied the score. The half ended 14-13 in favor of the Freshmen.

Regin played in the second half, and with his help the Freshmen had the game all their own way.

The line-up was as follows:

..HAMILTON 38.	VERNON 18.
Right Forward	
Erskine, Regin	Utter
Left Forward	
Knox, Capt.	McDermott
Centre.	
Wenigmann	Hennessey
Right Guard	
Herdenrich Peters, Hallock	Todd
Referee, E. Jones.	Length of halves, 15 minutes. Baskets, Regin 8, C. Root 2, Knox 3, Wenigmann 5, Erskine 1, Hennessey 3, McDermott 4, Hannigan 1. Fouls, McDermott 2.

FINAL GAME

The Varsity plays Colgate at Hamilton Tuesday night in the final game of the year. To win this means to crown the season with success. The first game with Colgate was ours. Victory Tuesday is to be expected.

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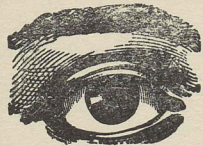
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ON NEXT FRIDAY evening occurs the debate against Union. The pathetically small attendance of the college body at the Interclass Debate should be a warning. This is an intercollegiate contest in an important department of Hamilton activity, and it is the sole such contest of the year. To attend is a duty.

ON THE TROLLEY from Utica to Clinton the other day an odd conversation occurred. We will give it verbatim, or a nearly as possible. It is reported in the hope that it may be instructive, suggestive and beneficial—anyway it is interesting and pertinent.

Conductor—"Goin' to get new cars on this line soon—big ones, with plush seats."

Citizen—"That will be a great improvement."

Conductor—"Not much! I leave this line the day they put those cars on!"

Citizen—"Why?"

Conductor—"Because I'll either have to fight all the time or lose my job altogether. You see, they'll in-

spect the plush seats every night—if they're not clean I'll get docked."

Citizen—"Why would it be worse here than on other lines?"

Conductor—"Because this line is used by the fellows on the Hill. They put their feet up on the seats every time. It don't make much difference now, because their dirty shoes don't show on the cane seats. But when we have the plush ones, it'll show every time."

Citizen—"Well, why can't you ask the gentlemen to remove their feet?"

At this the conductor smiled in pity of the citizen's inexperienced question, and went about his business.

IN A RECENT ISSUE of the *Wesleyan Argus* appears a reproduction of a birdseye view of the Campus and buildings. The picture closely resembles the new view of our Campus. Accompanying the print are these words:

"The college authorities have now bought the copyright of the picture, and can use it for all purposes. They have a considerable number of the larger prints which sell for five dollars, but they are giving them free of charge to any alumni who will frame them and place them in preparatory schools. About one hundred and fifty have already been disposed of in this way, but by no means all the schools have been reached. Further applications for pictures will be appreciated."

IN THE SPORTING SECTION of the *Utica Press* of February 24th, under the title of "Hamilton Cancelled the Game," there appeared an article seriously derogatory of Hamilton. It was a charge of bad faith on our part, and was based on the allegation that our Basketball Management had violated a virtual contract, made with the management of the 44th Separate Company's team, and binding Hamilton to play the Uticans last night. So states the article. It's entire trend is calumnious and injurious to Hamilton.

The utter injustice of the charge is obvious when the details are considered. On February 5th the managers of the respective teams talked over the possibility of a post-season game to be played at the Utica Armory. Two dates were suggested—Feb-

ruary 26th and March 6th. However, nothing definite was decided upon, our manager explaining the necessity of faculty approval prior to final arrangement. That was the last communication between the managers until Tuesday, when the Utica manager made inquiry as to whether we intended to play on Friday. Our manager, having in the meantime contracted with Hobart to play a postponed game, explained the fact to the Utica manager, who, having taken for granted that the date was finally arranged, had made preparations accordingly. The result was the article in the *Press* Wednesday.

From these facts it would seem that we are in no way culpable. The fact that the date was suggested, cannot be construed as being a virtual contract, and most especially so when the system of our schedule arrangements is known—as it was. These being the facts, the article is at least an injustice, if not a libel. Therefore LIFE asserts that the *Utica Press* owes to Hamilton College either a thoro substantiation of its statements and contradiction of ours, or a complete retraction of its article, which, in the light of the above statements, is unfounded and slanderous.

Hamilton Wins Relay

The Hamilton College Relay Team competed in Troy's Marathon Athletic meet on the evening of February 22nd and gained a most decisive victory over Union University in the one mile relay, Captain Spencer breaking the tape 40 yards in the lead of McCormick, the crack Union Freshman. The time, 3:40, was two seconds faster than that made by last year's team, which defeated R. P. I. and Union.

Wenigmann, '12, who ran first for Hamilton, passed his runner on the back stretch of the first lap of the 12-lap track, finishing his quarter four yards in the lead of the Union man. In the second quarter of the race, Union made up three yards of Hamilton's lead. Through the sprint of Knox, '10, at the end, Hamilton's lead was increased to six yards. Colson, '11, pulled away from the garnet runner and ended the three-quarters twenty yards in the lead. Spencer,

the final runner, gained ten yards on McCormick on the first of his three laps, finishing the race before the Union man entered the straight-away. The team average of 55 seconds for the quarter could have been bettered with ease if the Hamilton runners had been pressed.

The Troy games, held under the auspices of the Battalion Association of the 2nd Regiment, N. G. N. Y., were witnessed by over 3,000 people. 500 athletes competed in the 34 events.

One world's record was broken on Troy's famous 12-lap track—the fastest indoor track in America, Bonhag, of the N. Y. A. C., winning the 5 mile run in 24:58 1-5. Cornell, Columbia, Williams, Wesleyan and Union entered men in the numerous events. Captain Horrax, of Williams, scratch man in the high jump, cleared the bar at 5 feet, 11 inches. Talbot, of Cornell, who holds the world's record in the hammer throw, secured a place in the shot-put.

In the College Relays, Cornell won from Columbia by four feet in the two-mile relay—the most exciting race of the evening. Williams defeated her old rival, Amherst, by ten yards in a mile relay. M. I. T. won from Wesleyan in 3:28 2-5—record time for the track.

Hamilton has every reason to be proud of the race the men ran at Troy, and their victory gained by hard, consistent training. The Rochester-Hamilton race on March 13th promises to be another victory for the 1909 Track Team.

SOPHOMORES LOSE.

Monday night at Hamilton the Sophomore Basketball Team was defeated by the 1911 Five, of Colgate, by a score of 27-16. The game was marked by considerable roughness, and by a keen rivalry, and notwithstanding the apparent defeat, it is expected that in the return game to be played in the Soper Gymnasium Monday night, the college team having profited by hard practice meanwhile, and with its men in better trim, will make the visitors look well to their laurels. Both teams played well, Allen playing the best game for Hamilton and Stokes and Webb making most for Colgate. The line-up:

	Right Forward	
Flagler		Stokes
	Left Forward	
Day		Baker, Webb
	Center	
Allen		Matteson
	Right Guard	
Sidle		Dockstader
	Left Guard	
Getman		Flaherty
Field goals.—Allen 4, Flagler 2, Getman 1, Sidle 1; Goals from fouls. Getman 1, Sidle 1. Goals from fouls —Stokes 1; Referee, Newcombe; time of halves, 20 min.		

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NOTES.

Monday night at the Gym. the Sophomore and Freshman Basketball teams will play respectively the Sophomore and Freshman teams of Colgate, the games to commence at 8 o'clock, prompt. Everybody out to support the underclassmen.

The annual meet of the N. Y. S. I. A. U. will be held in Utica on May 22nd. In addition to the regular members, St. Lawrence and R. P. I. will also compete. From now on, the meet will probably be held in Utica every year.

The Clinton High School Alumni now in College have presented one of the Campus pictures to their school.

A large delegation from the Hamilton Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi attended the Annual Convention of the fraternity, held at Schenectady last week.

The Walden, N. Y., representatives at Hamilton have presented a picture

of the College to their local High School.

The Inter-Fraternity Bowling Tournament will be resumed next week, if enough fellows have joined the Club. One game has already been played, in which the E. L. S. defeated the Alpha Delta Phi. The next game will probably be Sigma Phi vs. Chi Psi.

The Freshman Basketball Team left yesterday at 1.30 P. M. for Watertown, where they played the Watertown High School last night.

Last evening, Ralph W. Stone, '99, of the U. S. Geologic Survey, gave an interesting stereopticon lecture on Alaska, in the Chapel.

The Musical Clubs will give a concert in New Hartford on the evening of March 4th.

Irving K. Baxter, who coached the track team last year, has been engaged by the management for the coming season.

At a meeting Wednesday, 1912 elected Wenigmann manager of the class track team, and appointed a committee to award numerals.

MOTE AND BEAM, II.

"The time is come," the Walrus said,
"To shut our mouths and think
Of why it's dark in Carnegie,
And what we eat and drink."

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The *Spectator* paper for February, tho laboriously indirect, seemed sufficiently clear in its message—one of vital importance to Hamilton—and Spotlight regrets that Williams, '08, should have missed the point when preparing his Lit. critique. This is neither the time nor the place to expose that abomination of which the Spectre treated—but if Williams, and all other friends and alumni—Trustees in particular—will follow a line from Carnegie Hall North-West across Steuben Field (and a little north of the Football Grandstand, and thence across the meadow beyond) for about three hundred yards, they will find there conditions which speak for themselves. SPOTLIGHT.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE.

The baseball schedule for the season of 1909 as approved by the faculty follows:

Apr. 24.—U. F. A. at Clinton.
26.—Rochester at Clinton.
28.—U. S. L. at Utica.

May 3.—U. S. L. at Clinton.

7.—Union at Clinton.

14.—Hobart at Clinton.

21.—St. Lawrence at Syracuse.

24.—Syracuse at Syracuse.

25.—Rochester at Rochester.

26.—Hobart at Geneva.

31.—Union at Schenectady.

June 2.—Colgate at Clinton.

5.—Colgate at Hamilton.

The services of Mr. Mantell as coach are assured. He is now on a business trip to Cuba, but expects to return so as to begin work with the squad on April 19. The management will issue season tickets for the seven home games at \$1.50.

With an exceptionally good coach, and the baseball material now in college, the prospects for a winning team are favorable.

DR. STRYKER IN CHICAGO

On Washington's Birthday, Dr. Stryker spoke at a banquet of the Union League Club in Chicago. The CHICAGO RECORD. HERALD reported his speech as follows: "Dr. M. W. Stryker, of Hamilton College, spoke on 'Democracy.' His speech sparkled with epigrammatic phrases. He dwelt chiefly on the evils of partisan politics and boss rule, declaring that the cure lies in the hands of the individual voter. Some of his sentences were:

"That which eats out the heart of democracy and leaves it but a hollow hide is oligarchy."

"The question is whether we shall be politically free men or whether we shall be eaten up with parasites and mastered by those to whom the electorate is a 'jimmy'."

"We have just as good a government on the whole as we desire, and therefore just as good as we deserve—no matter how bad it is."

"The peerless heritage of the citizen is a luscious and succulent phrase hung like a cabbage over an ass to keep him going."

"The truth is, we do not actualize Democracy, and therefore we are branded like mavericks and consigned like steers."

Other speakers at the banquet were, Gov. Fort, of New Jersey; W. D. Foulke, of Indiana; and J. J. Wilett, of Alabama.

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